

Textbook and Online Homework for W12 “The Planets”

Dear Students,

“The Planets” course will be using the following textbook in combination with an online homework system called MasteringAstronomy:



Cosmic Perspective, The: The Solar System, 8th Edition

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Please note in the following table of contents we are using an abridged version rather than the entire “Cosmic Perspective”:

1. A Modern View of the Universe
2. Discovering the Universe For Yourself
3. The Science of Astronomy
4. Making Sense of the Universe: Understanding Motion, Energy, and Gravity
5. Light and Matter: Reading Messages from the Cosmos
6. Telescopes: Portals of Discovery
7. Our Planetary System
8. Formation of the Solar System
9. Planetary Geology: Earth and the Other Terrestrial Worlds
10. Planetary Atmospheres: Earth and the Other Terrestrial Worlds
11. Jovian Planet Systems
12. Asteroids, Comets, and Dwarf Planets: their Nature, Orbits, and Impacts
13. Other Planetary Systems: the New Science of Distant Worlds
14. Our Star
15. Life In the Universe

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3. **The ZIP code for your school:** 94720
4. **Our Course ID:** **THEPLANETSSUMMER2018**

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2. Select your text, if available, and **Go to Study Area** for access to self-study material.
3. Enter a Student ID

Click **Save** and **OK**.

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